



PAPER II · QUESTION 13 · MODEL ANSWER



PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT

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UNIT 05 — CRIME AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

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THE QUESTION

It is proposed that "Protecting the environment is the responsibility of every citizen, and not of the government alone." Do you agree or disagree?

INTRO Sri Lanka is facing many environmental problems today. Rivers are polluted, forests are cut down and floods happen more often than before. Some people believe that only the government can solve these problems. I strongly agree that every citizen has a responsibility too.

BODY 1 Firstly, the government cannot do everything alone. There are millions of people in our country, but only a few officers to check them. If each person throws rubbish into a canal, no ministry can keep it clean. Change must begin at home.

BODY 2 Secondly, small actions can bring big results. If we refuse polythene bags, plant a tree and use water carefully, we save a great deal in one year. When many families do the same thing, the effect is very large.

COUNTER Of course, the government must also make strong laws and punish those who break them. However, laws alone are not enough without public support.

CONCLUSION In conclusion, I firmly believe that protecting the environment is a duty we all share. The country we leave for our children depends on what each of us does today.

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Content: the position is stated in the first paragraph and restated at the end; the counter-argument is admitted and answered. Language: 10–18-word sentences, present simple and modals, no risks. Organisation: Firstly / Secondly / However / In conclusion.